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SUBJECT:SOMALI PROTEST NOTE RE BERBERA STATEMENTS

1. SOMALI AMB. ADDOU PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO  
ACTING SECRETARY INGERSOLL JUNE 29:

QTE THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND  
HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THAT THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT PRO-  
TESTS IN THE STRONGEST AND UNEQUIVOCABLE TERMS THE  
AFFIRMATIONS MADE BY THE US SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BEFORE THE  
SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, THE 10TH OF  
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JUNE, 1975, CONCERNING ALLEGED SOVIET BASE IN BERBERA PORT.

IT IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND  
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MAKE SUCH UNTRUE ACCUSATIONS,

TO THE EXTENT THAT IT HAS BECOME A PATTERN OF REPETITION, AS A MATTER OF FACT. NATURALLY, THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO REMAIN TOLERANT OF THIS KIND OF FLAGRANT PROPAGANDA ABUSES BY HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, FOR THINGS HAVE GONE BEYOND ANY LIMIT.

IN SEVERAL OCCASSIONS, THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT NEITHER THE SOVIET UNION NOR OTHER FOREIGN POWER HAS MILITARY BASE WHATSOEVER IN BERBERA OR OTHER PARTS OF SOMALIA AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION NEVER ASKED TO HAVE MILITARY BASE AND, IF REQUESTED, WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED.

TO PROVE THAT IT HAS NOTHING TO HIDE, THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAS EXTENDED OFFICIAL INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF THE US GOVERNMENT; JOURNALISTS AND OTHER OBSERVERS TO VISIT THE PORT OF BERBERA TO WITNESS THAT THERE IS NO RUSSIAN MILITARY BASE OR OF ANY OTHER FOREIGN POWER.

WHEN LAST OCTOBER THE TWO HEADS OF STATE MET IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT SIYAD BARRE MADE CLEAR TO PRESIDENT FORD THAT THERE IS NO SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA. PRESIDENT SIYAD BARRE'S WORD SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND TO LETT-ER. INSTEAD, PRESS PROPAGANDA BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE HIGHEST OFFICIAL OF THAT DEPARTMENT, CONTINUED TO BE MOUNTED. IT IS UNFITTING AND QUITE DISAPPOINTING THAT GROUNDLESS AND ILL CONCEDED MACHINATIONS HAVE PREVAILED IN THE US GOVERNMENT CIRCLES, OVER THE SOLEMN WORD GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF STATE OF SOMALIA TO THAT OF THE UNITED STATES IN AN OFFICIAL MEETING HERE IN WASHINGTON.

THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT, AS COUNTER MEASURE, COULD ENGAGE EXTENSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, TO THE POINT OF DEEPLY HURTING IT IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY, BUT DOES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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NOT SEE VIRTUE IN SUCH HYSTERIC CONFRONTATIONS, PROVIDED SIMILAR WISDOM FORTH COMES FROM THE US.

IN HIS UNFOUNDED STATEMENT TO THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY THE 10TH OF JUNE, 1975, MR. SCHLESINGER HAS MISINFORMED AND THEREFORE MISLED THE MEMBERS OF THE AUGUST SENATE COMMITTEE; THE GENUINE AND PEACE LOVING AMERICAN PEOPLE; AND THE WORLD OPINION AT LARGE, BY DISPLAYING SO CALLED "AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIES", WHICH THE SOMALI AUTHORITIES TOTALLY REJECT AS PURE FABRICATION.

THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT FEELS DEEPLY OFFENDED FOR BEING  
ACCUSED OF SOMETHING WHICH IS AGAINST ITS DECLARED  
PRINCIPLES AS A TRUELY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY, GEOLOUSLY (SIC)  
SENSITIVE TO ITS INDEPENDENCE, AND COMMITTED TO WORLD  
PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT VALUES VERY MUCH THE FRIENDLY RELA-  
TIONS IT HAS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND, FOR THE SAKE OF  
THE PROGRESSING BILATERAL BONDS, DEMANDS THAT THESE  
NONSENSE PROPAGANDA OF RUSSIAN BASE IN SOMALIA BE PUT  
TO AN END IMMEDIATELY. IF THIS KIND OF DIFFAMATORY (SIC)  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE DIGNITY OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC BRINGS ABOUT, AND IT WOULD UNLESS STOPPED IN TIME,  
THE DETERIORATION OF THE EXISTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE  
TWO COUNTRIES, THE CONSEQUENT RESPONSIBILITIES FALL  
ENTIRELY ON THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE AMBASSADOR OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AVAILS  
HIMSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE SECRETARY OF  
STATE THE ASSURANCES OF HIS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQTE.  
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